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.The purchase of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway by the Canadian National Railway will be devastating to Barrington.

If the CN buys EL&E, the number of freight trains would increase from 3 to 5 to 20 each day. CN plans to permit four additional railroads access to the EJ&E line 20 CN freight trains take an average of 6 minutes to pass through a single railroad crossing. Each railroad crossing would be closed a minimum of 2 hours every day. The traffic gridlock created by adding 15 more freight trains from CN and more from other railroads at the four railroad crossings in the village, would create serious road block in the Village and increase noise pollution from the trains which might be transporting hazardous materials. Traffic delays to the business district would eventually destroy the viability of downtown Barrington. Residential Barrington would no longer exist as a vital community.

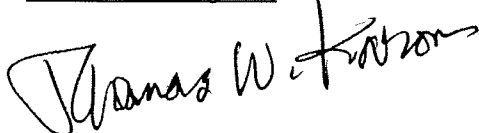
The EJ&E line cuts Barrington in half, with downtown, middle schools, fire/paramedic units and police on one side and the high school and Good Shepherd Hospital on the other. Delays of ambulances, paramedic vehicles, fire engines, police cars at railroad crossing, could be life threatening. School bus delays would make school children late to school and also increase a child's bus time on their ride home. Since currently school buses cross the EJ&E tracks 370 to 400 times daily, imagine what the traffic situation would be like by adding extra freight trains. The children walking or riding bikes to school, railroad crossings are a serious safety hazard and rail commuters are also at risk and face the same delays.

Barrington's downtown business district will suffer from blocked railroad crossings.

Barrington is a safe country environment with downtown amenities. With the increase in freight trains and the limited access to the village, schools and the hospital, the residential and business property values will decline.

Access to Barrington's new Citizens Park, which is adjacent to the EJ&E line, will also be negatively affected by the frequency of the freight trains.

To keep the Village of Barrington as a safe and vibrant community—a great place to live, please cancel CN's petition to purchase the EJ&E railway line. Help SAVE Barrington, Thomas W. Karon



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